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1. MATSUURA INFORMED EMBOFF DEC 3 THAT FINANCE MINISTRY ACCEPTS IN PRINCIPLE PROPOSAL FOR \$600,000 PAYMENT OUTLINED IN PARA 2 OF REFTEL. NEXT STEP WILL BE TO PUT PROPOSAL IN ACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE FOR INCLUSION IN MINUTES OF NEGOTIATING MEETINGS. GOJ APPROACH WOULD INVOLVE PAYMENT OF \$600,000 IN FIRST QUARTER OF JFY 1975.

2. MATSUURA ALSO SAID THAT, SO FAR, GOJ HAS ENCOUNTERED NO DIFFICULTY IN AUDIT ISSUE, BUT THEY STILL UNABLE TO GIVE FINAL SIGN-OFF. HE CONFIRMED UNDERSTANDING OF PROCEDURE AS FOLLOWS:

A) AEC-NAS CONTRACT WILL CONTAIN PROVISION ALLOWING USG AUDIT OF NAS,

B) NAS CONTACT WITH NEW FOUNDATION WILL CONTAIN PROVISION ALLOWING NAS RPT NAS AUDIT OF FOUNDATION. FINAL GOJ CONCURRENCE IN THIS APPROACH STILL DEPENDS ON THEIR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REACHING CONCLUSION THAT PAST STATEMENTS TO DIET DO NOT

PRECLUDE ESTABLISHING THAT NAS IN NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION. MATSUURA HAD APPARENTLY INTENDED REACHING CONCLUSION ON THIS ISSUE ONLY AFTER US CONFIRMATION THAT AUDIT APPROACH IS ACCEPTABLE. HE HAS NOW AGREED TO EXPEDITE GOJ REVIEW AND CONCLUSION, BUT STILL URGENTLY REQUESTS USG CONCURRENCE.

3. TO MEET OVERALL TIME SCHEDULE FOR CREATION NEW INSTITUTE, EXCHANGE OF NOTES SHOULD TAKE PLACE NO LATER THAN END OF DECEMBER, WITH MEETING OF FOUNDING COMMITTEE TO BE HELD EARLY JANUARY. EMBASSY LOOKS FORWARD TO EARLY AUTHORIZATION FOR EXCHANGE OF NOTES.
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